

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Quinn Tang *et al.*  
Application No. : 10/588,602 Confirmation No. : 7130  
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For : RNAi THERAPEUTICS FOR TREATMENT OF EYE  
NEOVASCULARIZATION DISEASES  
Group Art Unit : 1635  
Examiner : Dana H. Shin

New York, New York  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This responds to an April 20, 2010 Interview Summary in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith the required statement of the substance of the April 19, 2010 telephonic interview. Applicants are filing this statement before the expiration of the one-month or 30-day period from the mailing date of the Interview Summary. Thus, this statement is timely filed.

Applicants thank Examiner Shin for granting applicants' representative Alla Brukman the April 19, 2010 telephonic interview, and for her helpful comments during the interview. The Examiner and Ms. Brukman discussed the October 20, 2009 requirement for restriction. Ms. Brukman indicated that applicants wished to add new claims drawn to an inhibitor of a gene

that was not among the specific genes recited in the claims pending at issue date of the restriction requirement and to elect these claims for examination. The Examiner suggested that the new claims should depend from at least one of claims 1-5, which were included in all composition invention groups listed in the restriction requirement. Ms. Brukman inquired whether applicants could amend the base claim(s) selected from claims 1-5 to conform with the new claims, and the Examiner indicated that applicants could do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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